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Respectfully submitted,

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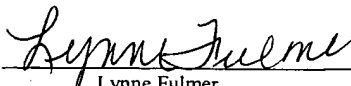
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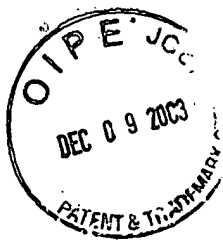
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In response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2003, Applicants submit that this amendment is proper under 37 CFR § 1.116. Certain of the following amendments address rejections that were newly raised in the most recent Office Action, and thus, could not have been earlier presented. These amendments are, therefore, proper at this stage under § 1.116. The remaining amendments, it is submitted, place at least a portion of the pending claims in condition for allowance and/or clarify the issues of novelty and nonobviousness on appeal, if necessary.

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IN THE FIGURES:

Applicants note the Notice of Draftsperson Patent Drawing Review Form PTO 948 and submit herewith revised drawings to comply with the Notice. In some cases, e.g., gels and other data are represented as photographs of the actual laboratory results and are as clear as the underlying subject matter permits.